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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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BILL NUMBER: HB 1148

NOTE PREPARED: Mar 20, 2012

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Engineer and Land Surveyor Examinations.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Messmer

FIRST SPONSOR: Sen. M. Young

BILL STATUS: Enrolled

FUNDS AFFECTED: X **GENERAL
DEDICATED
FEDERAL**

IMPACT: State

Summary of Legislation: The bill provides that the examinations for: (1) registration as a professional engineer; and (2) certification as a land surveyor or land surveyor in training; *may* be computer-based. The bill removes provisions specifying the duration of the examinations. The bill specifies that an applicant for registration as a professional engineer has three chances to pass the examination for registration, subject to the rules and discretion of the Board of Registration for Professional Engineers (BRPE). The bill makes a technical correction.

Effective Date: July 1, 2012.

Explanation of State Expenditures: *Summary-* The Board of Registration for Professional Engineers may need to modify rules to reflect the use of computer-based exams. The BRPE would be given the option to approve partial retakes of the exams. Any rule changes or approvals would likely be able to be discussed by the board membership at a regularly scheduled meeting of the board.

Background- The National Council of Examiners for Engineering and Surveying (NCEES) provides the qualification exams for both intern and professional engineers and surveyors in Indiana. The NCEES plans to adapt their Fundamentals of Engineering/Surveying (abbreviated as either FE or FS) exams to be computer-based beginning in January 2014, which would make them available to applicants beginning in the April 2014 testing cycle.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

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State Agencies Affected: BRPE.

Local Agencies Affected:

Information Sources: National Council of Examiners for Engineering and Surveying.

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